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Last Day on Job YOUTH RUN OVER AS SCHOOL OPENS



CRITICAL INTERNAL INJURIES

Youthful exuberance and carelessness ended critically last Monday for a 16-year old youth. Vernon Bruns, 16, of 1835 W. 169th st., was finishing his last day's work at the Higgins Brick and Tile Co. on 174th st. near Crenshaw just before he was ready to return to school. As one of the workers was backing up a Hyater loaded with bricks, Bruns came running from the side ready to jump on the fender guarding the heavy double tires, as he had done numerous times before. This time, however, the short joy-ride turned into prolonged agony. Foot Slipped Bruns' foot slipped. The youth lurched forward flat on his face, and a second later the Hyater, carrying a 75 lb. load of bricks in addition to its own enormous weight, ran up the victim's left leg, over his buttocks, and came (Continued on Page 2)

Hull Supports Recreation Plan

Close cooperation between the School Board and the city in regards to a joint city-school recreation program became a reality this week. A letter from Torrance Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem requesting the use of school facilities after school and in the evening for recreational purposes was read to the Board of Education Tuesday night. The request received the Board's unanimous approval. The members authorized Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, to send a letter to the Recreation Department informing the department that he would meet with his staff to work out such a schedule as well as to contact the department concerning some conflicting requests.

Beach Calms Down; Police Get Praise

"It's such a difference, it doesn't seem like the same place anymore. We're all very happy," one Torrance Beach resident said when asked about present conditions there. The improvement is the result of an urgency ordinance hurried through the City Council recently following an expose of the wild, and riotous living which went on along Torrance Beach. In speaking of the part played by the Torrance Press in cleaning up the beach scandal the woman said: "Thank you very, very much for the efforts you made—they really produced results." In the meantime high praise was forthcoming from the District Attorney's office for the way the Torrance Police Department reconstructed from the barest clues the circumstances of a brutal beach (Continued on Page 3)

O'Brien Convicted Of Dope

Garry O'Brien, 19, was sentenced to 90 days in the L.A. county jail on dope addiction charges. O'Brien, who was a friend of Richard R. Rodriguez, 19, of 17518 Crenshaw Blvd. who is suspected to have died of an overdose of heroin, would not shed any light on the incident, according to Detective Captain E. J. Parker, of the Hawthorne police. O'Brien said he left Rodriguez asleep at his grandmother's house and that Rodriguez's condition was not unusual in any way. Two other youths, Bartley Holt, 24, and Malcolm Levinson, 19, identified O'Brien as the one who had sold dope to them and Rodriguez. O'Brien fled temporarily after (Continued on Page 2)

KIDS, 1 TO 100, TO HUNT FOR HIDDEN TREASURES

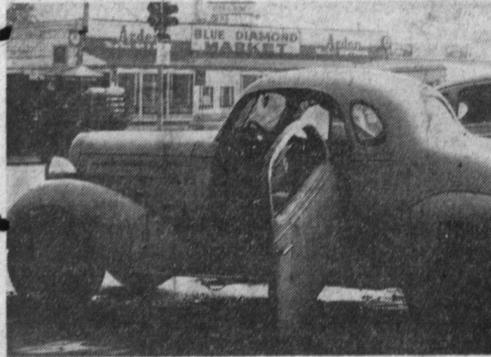
Mayor Mervin Schwab issued a proclamation today calling upon all residents of the community to support National Kids' Day Saturday, Sept. 26. The Mayor said Kids' Day is a fine way to help underprivileged children. National Kids' Day is sponsored by the National Kids' Day Foundation, Inc., North Hollywood, Calif., and Kiwanis International. The Kiwanis Club's committee in Torrance has arranged a special program to observe the day with funds derived from special events to be used for less privileged children of this community. This program will provide fun and treasures for all kids from 1 to 100. For Kids Age 10 and Under Saturday, Sept. 26, at 1:30 p.m., in El Prado Park, adjacent to the Torrance Civic Auditorium, children of ten years and under will hunt in the grass for small capsules. The prize checks inside the capsules will be redeemed with favors at the Prize Booth. A hunting tag for admission to this event (Continued on Page 2)

Safety Campaign Plans Made by Civic Leaders

At a meeting of a group of civic leaders last week, several steps were taken to launch a year-around safety campaign under the sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, and J. E. Mock, transportation head for the Torrance school district, asked for the stricter observance and law enforcement of a regulation recently passed which calls for oncoming traffic and traffic going in the same direction as the school bus to come to a complete stop when red lights of the bus begin to blink. The blinking lights indicate that the bus is either loading or unloading school kids. Motorists are also reminded that the lack of sidewalks along some highways and subdivisions force the children to walk right on the street. Child-Image Signs The Chamber will take a recommendation that child-image signs be placed at school crossings to its board of directors for further consideration. It was also decided by the group to recommend to the police a stricter enforcement of a city ordinance (or else getting one) regarding leaving children unattended in the car. The safety campaign will be carried on through clubs, churches, P-TA, theaters, and industries and will be kept constantly before (Continued on Page 3)

CHAMBER NAMES WINNERS

Winners of the Chamber of Commerce essay contest were announced this week with prizes to be awarded them in the form of gift certificates within the next ten days. Contestants had to write in 50 words or less why they liked the new Torrance Shopper's Guide and Business Directory. The three winners and their prize-winning essays were as follows: First place, \$50 in merchandise, Mrs. Frances H. Boswell, 1006 Sartori ave., Apt. 307. "Guides all residents to shop in the community. Urging it leads you to the right opportunity. Industry, shopping, house-hunting or pleasure does aid as a time saver in a great measure. Edited and classified listings make it a treasure." Second place, \$35 in merchandise (Continued on Page 3)



WAR... on all accidents, and especially accidents involving school children, summarizes the Safety Campaign theme adopted by civic leaders under the sponsorship of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Steps to prevent school children from getting hurt were outlined at the recent meeting.



CORPORAL DANIEL ARELLANO, Torrance's first POW to return from Red captivity in Korea, admires the watch he received from Mayor Mervin M. Schwab on behalf of the city of Torrance. First Vice-Commander Bob Ernst, of the Torrance post of the American Legion, looks on as the soldier shows the watch to his mother, Mrs. Josephine Gutierrez.

Arellano Feted City, Legion Honor POW

There was the salute to the flag and then a prayer and then Corporal Daniel Arellano, 21, Torrance's first POW to return from Korea, was introduced. The audience, composed of all city officials, members of the American Legion, and representatives of the VFW, gave a standing ovation to the returning soldier at the Legion Hall last Tuesday night. Following two brief after-dinner addresses, Arellano was presented with tokens of appreciation and gratitude. City Presents Gifts Mayor Mervin M. Schwab presented the returning soldier with a watch on behalf of the city following a pointed address in which he said that every individual owns "a part of America." Commander Gerald Moreland of the Torrance VFW thereupon presented Arellano with a VFW cap and honorary membership, which presentation was followed by one from the Torrance American Legion Post No. 170. First Vice Commander Bob Ernst gave the corporal a pen and pencil set and cigarette lighter as a welcome-home present. A welcome-home letter from the Chamber of Commerce was also handed the soldier. Guests of Honor Arellano, together with his mother, Mrs. Josephine Gutierrez, his grandfather, Pedro Gutierrez, also several aunts, uncles and cousins, were the guests of honor at this affair. Following the presentation, the soldier said, "On behalf of my relatives and friends, I wish to thank you for what you have done for me and for the presents." The soldier, who returned to Torrance last week after spending 33 months as a prisoner of the North Koreans, was tired from the round of celebrations held for him and the excitement of coming home. Only a couple of weeks of his furlough are left after which time he must report back to Camp Stoneman for final processing. Those who helped to plan the reception Tuesday night were: Roland Grover, finance officer; Vern Coll, service officer; C. G. Ryan, chaplain; Bob Faren, past commander, and Bob Ernst, first vice commander.

MORE P.O. COMPLAINTS REGISTERED

Evidence of inefficient administration of the local post office continued to be brought to the attention of the Torrance Press this week through a great number of sources. Incapable handling of employees is responsible for at least half of the resignations which have occurred, it has been stated. The turnover in the local post office has been said to be about 50%. Postal regulations regarding general-delivery mail have been violated. Mail, which ought to be returned to the sender after ten days if undeliverable, has been held up as long as 30 days. Irregular Deliveries Residents have complained of highly irregular mail deliveries with the mail coming anywhere (Continued on Page 3)

NEAR-RIOT BREAKS OUT AT WEDDING

Prompt Torrance police response suppressed a gang riot which was on the verge of breaking out shortly after midnight Sunday morning. Two squad cars raced to the scene of the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border ave., where a wedding was taking place. Five cars full of San Pedro teen-agers from 16 to 19 years old had come (Continued on Page 3)

Boy's Dream Comes True --- Wins Bike

What is every boy's dream came true for Robert Angerer, 2524 Leeserman, this week—Bob won himself an honest-to-goodness deluxe Columbia bicycle. "I won a bike, I won a bike," was all the excited boy could say to his Dad on being informed Monday that he had won. Bobby couldn't get down to Torrance Bootery, on El Prado near Cravens, fast enough to collect his prize. The boy won first place in the bike contest sponsored by the shoe store. He had accumulated more points during the last six weeks than any of the other contestants, although the runner-up was only 985 points behind. Basis of Competition Points were given for bringing in old shoes, having friends come into the store and just register, and for every purchase of shoes. Fransif Angerer, the father of the (Continued on Page 2)



HAPPIEST BOY IN THE WORLD... Those who have ever wanted a bike real bad know why Robert Angerer isn't ashamed of kissing his newly-won bike for everyone to see. Sol Young (left), owner of Torrance Bootery which sponsored the contest, holds some of the old shoes Bobby brought in, while Fransif Angerer, the father of the child, is almost as happy as his son, if that is possible.

Operation Over; Returning Home

Mrs. Harry Abramson, of National Home Appliance Co., will come home again this weekend following an operation for a brain tumor earlier this month. Mrs. Abramson has been recuperating at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles. Many cards, calls, and flowers have cheered her along the way of recovery.

Jealously Ensues Over S-Appeal

Mrs. Shelhart of 23204 Fallena had been prepared for anything—anything but Jealousy over S-Appeal! Jealousy, and from such strange quarters, too! Who would have thought that objects could be jealous of each other! The moment that Mrs. Shelhart placed the following ad with the Torrance Press Classifieds, there was bitter rivalry among the four objects involved: For Sale: PLAY PEN & PAD, \$8.00. Fully trimmed basinette \$5.00. Five-drawer chest \$8.00. Boodle buggy \$5.00. DA 6-3869 or 23204 Fallena Ketter Knolls. "Who had the greatest S(ales)-appeal?" was the fearful question. Thanks to the effectiveness of the Torrance Press Classifieds, each object found a ready admirer. Neither play pen nor basinette nor chest nor buggy had to drag out its life nursing a bleeding heart.